

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1657

Introduced by Assembly Member De La Torre

January 15, 2010

An act to add Section 7073.2 to the Government Code, relating to economic development.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1657, as introduced, De La Torre. Enterprise zones: City of Downey.

(1) The Enterprise Zone Act provides for the designation of enterprise zones by the Department of Community Housing and Development, based on the department's approval of applications from a city, county, or city and county with a geographic area meeting certain criteria. Certain entities within a designated enterprise zone may receive regulatory, tax, and other incentives for private investment and employment.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, require the department, upon application by the Downey City Council, to designate one enterprise zone within the geographic area of the City of Downey.

(2) The California Constitution authorizes the Governor to declare a fiscal emergency and to call the Legislature into special session for that purpose. The Governor issued a proclamation declaring a fiscal emergency, and calling a special session for this purpose, on December 19, 2008.

This bill would state that it addresses the fiscal emergency declared by the Governor by proclamation issued on December 19, 2008, pursuant to the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7073.2 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:
3 7073.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department
4 shall, upon application by the Downey City Council, designate
5 one enterprise zone within the geographic area of the City of
6 Downey pursuant to this section.
7 (b) For purposes of applying any provision of the Revenue and
8 Taxation Code, the enterprise zone designated pursuant to this
9 section shall be deemed to have been designated pursuant to this
10 chapter.
11 (c) The enterprise zone designated under this section shall not
12 be included in the calculation of the overall number of enterprise
13 zones authorized under this chapter.
14 SEC. 2. Due to the unique circumstances of the City of
15 Downey, with respect to the need for sustained employment and
16 business development in the area, the Legislature hereby finds and
17 declares that a general statute cannot be made applicable within
18 the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
19 Constitution. Therefore, the special legislation contained in Section
20 1 of this act is necessarily applicable only to the City of Downey.
21 SEC. 3. This act addresses the fiscal emergency declared by
22 the Governor by proclamation on December 19, 2008, pursuant
23 to subdivision (f) of Section 10 of Article IV of the California
24 Constitution.

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